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SUBJECT: VIEWS OF FRENCH OFFICIAL ON UK RENEGOTIATION

1. IN A CONVERSATION WITH ECON/COM MIN, BRUNET, DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, MFA, SAID GOF VIEW ON UK REQUEST FOR RENEGOTIATION OF TERMS OF ACCESSION TO EC WAS PRETTY MUCH AS JOBERT HAD STATED IT IN LUXEMBOURG, NAMELY, THAT THE EC SHOULD NOT HAVE TO BUY THIS HORSE TWICE. BRUNET SAID HE HAD NO IDEA WHAT THE UK'S REAL LONG-RANGE INTENTIONS WERE, AND HE DOUBTED WHETHER WILSON HIMSELF KNEW. HE BELIEVED THAT AT THIS STAGE THE BRITISH WERE MOTIVATED PRIMARILY BY SHORT-TERM ELECTORAL CONSIDERATIONS

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HE SAID HE WAS CONVINCED THAT WILSON WANTED NEW ELEC-

TIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IN ORDER TO STRENGTHEN HIS
POSITION IN PARLIAMENT AND INCREASE HIS FREEDOM OF
ACTION AND THAT HE BELIEVED THAT A TOUGH POSTURE ON
RENEGOTIATION WOULD WIN VOTES. BRUNET BELIEVED THAT THE
LABOR GOVERNMENT DID NOT WANT RENEGOTIATION BEFORE THE
ELECTION BUT WANTED TO HAVE IT AS AN ELECTION ISSUE.
HE SAID HIS ITALIAN COLLEAGUE, GUAZZARONI, WHO HAD JUST
BEEN VISITING HIM, AGREED WITH THIS ANALYSIS.
IRWIN

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